Number of Crimes per 100,000 Population: 2003

City	# of crimes
New York	2,917
Los Angeles	4,809
Chicago	7,590
HOUSTON	7,055
Philadelphia	5,553
Phoenix	7,664
San Diego	4,223
Dallas	7,442
San Antonio	9,328
Detroit	9,004
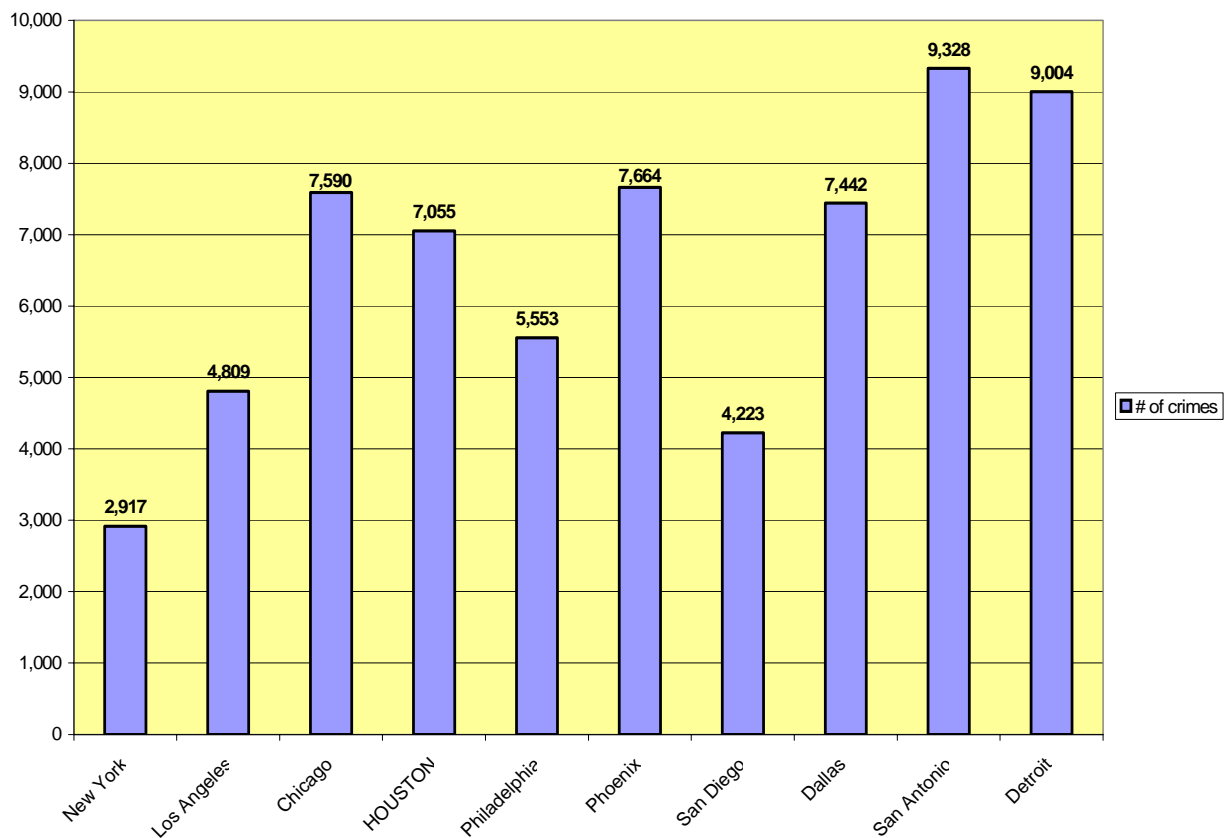
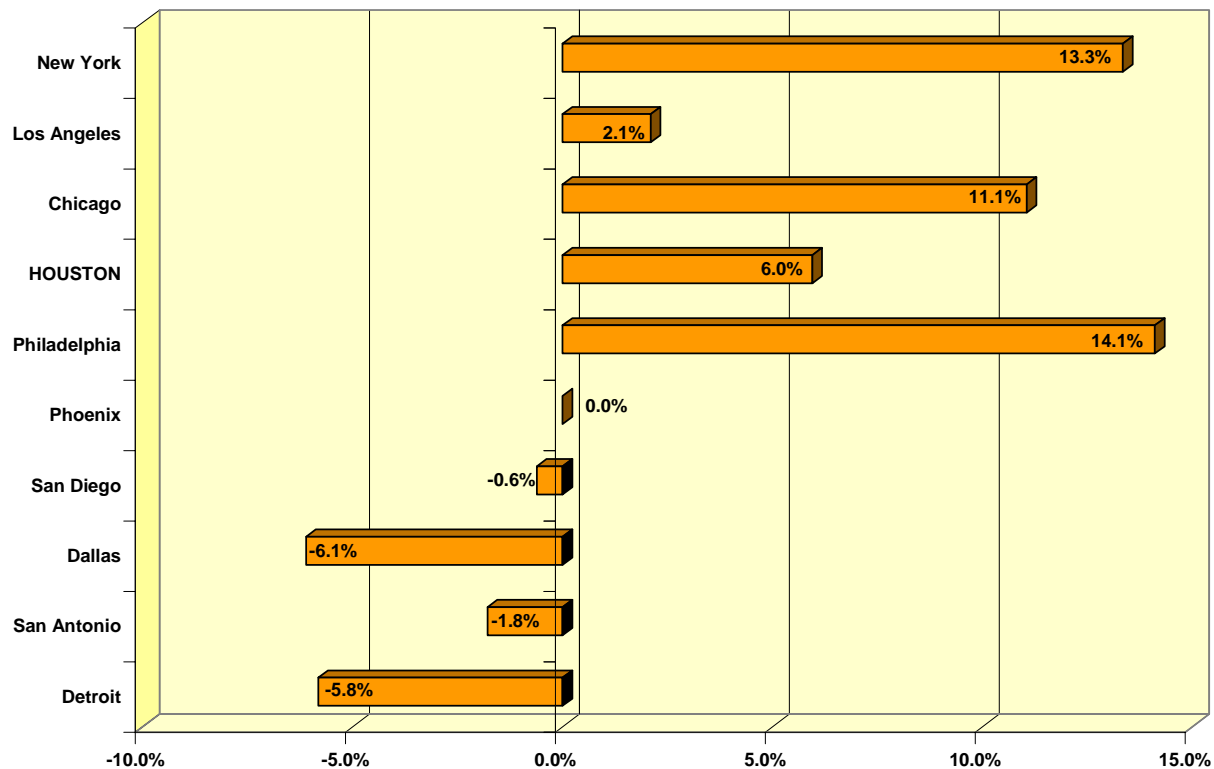* Chicago's number reflects 2000 data, the latest year available.

* Houston has the fifth lowest crime rate in comparison with the ten largest cities in the U.S.

* The cities with the lowest number of crimes per 100,000 people are New York and San Diego. New York's crime rate has decreased dramatically in the last 10-15 years.

* San Antonio and Detroit have the highest number of crimes per 100,000.

Source: FBI "Crime in the United States - 2003"

Change in Police Officers per Capita: 1990 to 2003

City	Change
New York	13.3%
Los Angeles	2.1%
Chicago	11.1%
HOUSTON	6.0%
Philadelphia	14.1%
Phoenix	0.0%
San Diego	-0.6%
Dallas	-6.1%
San Antonio	-1.8%
Detroit	-5.8%

* Compared to the ten largest cities in the U.S., Houston had the fourth highest increase in the number of police officers between 1990 and 2003.
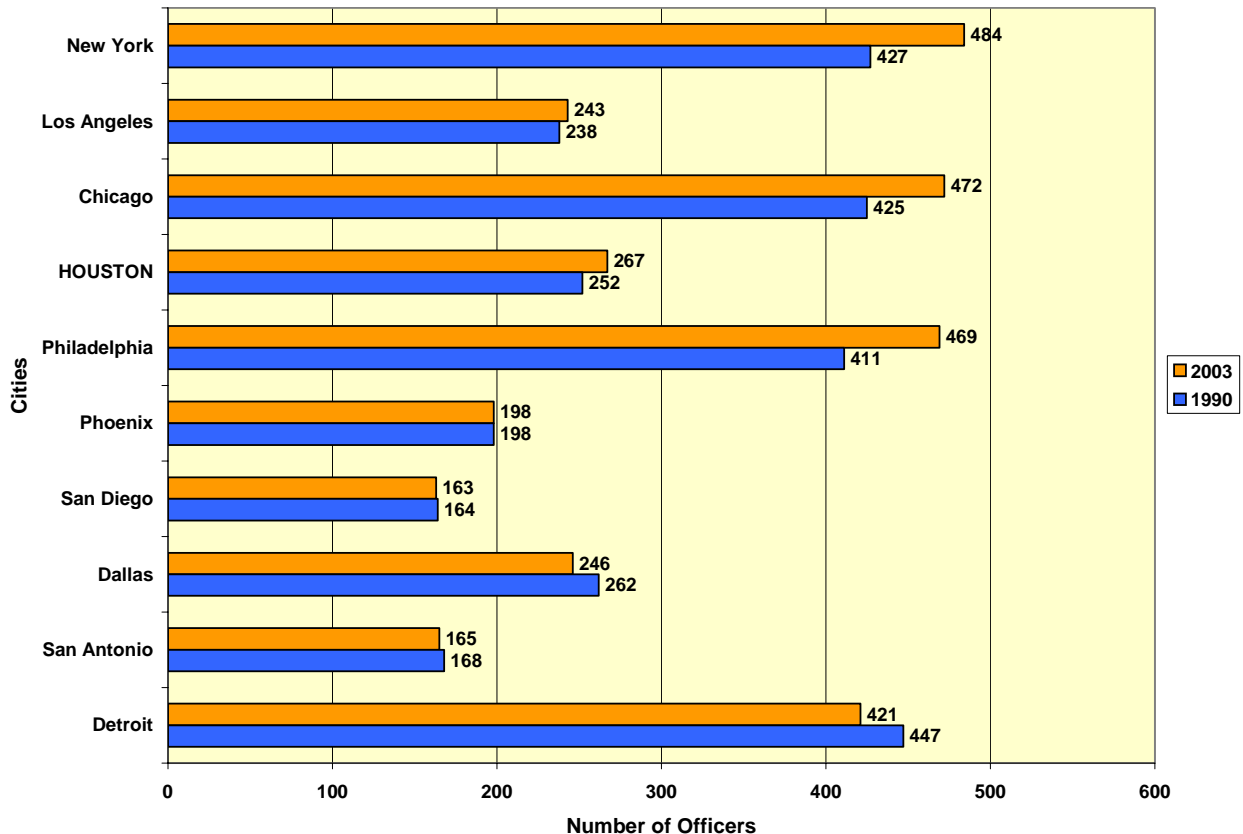
* Philadelphia had the highest increase of police officers at 14.1%, followed by New York (13.3%) and Chicago (11.1%).

* Dallas, San Antonio and Detroit experienced significant decreases in the number of police officers per capita between 1990 and 2003.

* Dallas had the highest decrease in police officers at 6.1%.

Sources: FBI "Crime in the United States - 1990" and "Crime in the United States - 2003"

Police Officers per 100,000 Population: 1990 & 2003

Cities (y-axis) / **Number of Officers** (x-axis)

City	2003	1990
New York	484	427
Los Angeles	243	238
Chicago	472	425
HOUSTON	267	252
Philadelphia	469	411
Phoenix	198	198
San Diego	163	164
Dallas	246	262
San Antonio	165	168
Detroit	421	447

Legend: ■ 2003 ■ 1990

* In Houston, the number of officers per 100,000 citizens has increased 6%, from 252 in 1990 to
267 in 2003.

* New York has the highest number of officers per capita at 484 per 100,000 people.

* San Diego and San Antonio have the fewest, 163 and 165 per 100,000 people, respectively.

Sources: FBI "Crime in the United States - 1990"
and "Crime in the United States - 2003"